

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 27, 28, and 30-32, objected to claims 24-26 as depending upon rejected base claim 23, and rejected claims 1-5 and 9-23. The Examiner indicated that claims 24-26 “would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.” Office Action, page 3. Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 27, 28, and 30-32, and for indicating that the subject matter of dependent claims 24-26 is allowable.

By the present Response, Applicants have amended the claims to place the present application in condition for allowance. Applicants amended independent claim 23 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 24 and have rewritten claims 25 and 26 in independent form. Further, Applicants have amended claim 27 to correct a minor typographical error, changing “seleced” to “selected.” Lastly, Applicants canceled claims 1-5, 9-22, and 24 without prejudice for possible inclusion in a continuing application. These amendments do not add any new matter. Upon entry of these amendments, claims 23, 25-28, and 30-32 will be pending in the present patent application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims 23, 25-28, and 30-32.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner rejected claims 1-5 and 9-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Office Action, page 2. Although Applicants disagree with this rejection, Applicants have canceled claims 1-5 and 9-22 in view of the allowable subject matter, so the rejection is moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected independent claim 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Hawley et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,667,274). Office Action, page 3. Although Applicants disagree with this rejection, Applicants have amended claim 23 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 24, so the rejection is moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Payment of Fees

As indicated above, Applicants have rewritten claims 25 and 26 in independent form and cancelled independent claim 1 by the present Response. Thus, additional fees are believed to be required for the additional independent claim. Accordingly, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fee of \$200.00 for the additional new independent claim, and any additional fees which may be required to advance prosecution

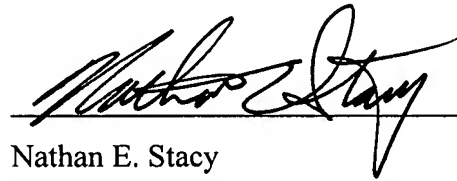
of the present application, to the credit card listed on the attached PTO-2038. However, if the PTO-2038 is missing, if the amount listed thereon is insufficient, or if the amount is unable to be charged to the credit card for any other reason, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1315; Order No. CPCM:0047/FLE/FAR/STA (210462US00).

Conclusion

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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